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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the
Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum, on Thursday
March 21st, at 7.45.p.m.

Business:-

Apologies.

Short Talk - Last Outing - M.L. Westbrook.

Minutes of A.G.M. 1973.

Business therefrom.

Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

Nominations.

General Business:-

Observations and Exhibits.

Easter Camp.

Membership.

Any other general business.

At the conclusion of the business a talk will
be given by the President.

NEXT OUTING

It is proposed to follow the new track from
Forest Road to Mount Stuart, and return. This is
primarily to assess the possibilities of creating
a Nature Trail along part of the Track.

Bring your lunch, Thermos etc, and meet at the
Prince Theatre at 10.a.m. on Saturday March 23rd.
Private Transport - or you could meet the party at
the top of Forest Road where a road/track leads
off towards the back of sunrise estate.

.... This could lead to an interesting project!



QUINKAN COUNTRY

"Quinkan" is an Aboriginal name for the supernatural spirits.

APPEAL***** to Australian Nation to donate funds to purchase about 300 Square miles for a
Quinkan National Park

The Aborigines Historic Places Trust and the Cape York Conservation Council are jointly undertaking this project. They propose to buy this from the proprietors of Crocodile Station who have agreed to sell provided it is made into a National Park. The area is magnificent rugged sandstone country of colourful red scarps, plateaux, gorges, and creeks and it is virtually untouched wilderness of open forest.

Apart from the numerous species of trees, orchids, animals and birds it contains the greatest body of prehistoric rock art in the world. Several hundred galleries of Aboriginal paintings have been discovered there and much of it has yet to be explored.

The Aboriginal Historic Places Trust is establishing a tourist complex at Laura to offer guided tours of the cave paintings especially to groups of school children from all over Australia for Adventure Safaries, camping in the spectacular hills of

Quinkan Country.

The price of this land is roughly \$5.00 for fifteen acres.

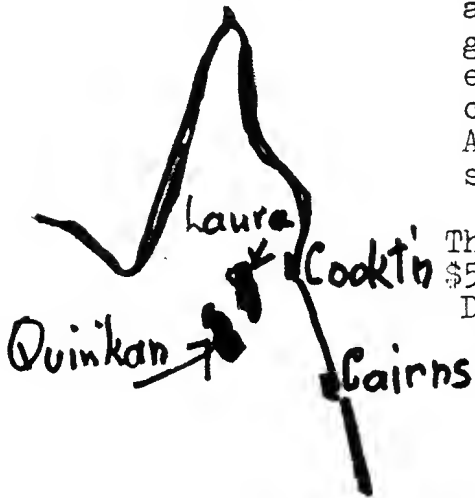
Donations may be sent to

The Cape York Conservation Council
 (Quinkan National Park Appeal Fund-
 P.O. Box 33

Gordonvale, Queensland, 4865.

With this appeal literature the Council sent also a list of 'rights' which they feel should be included in the Australian Bill of Rights to protect the health and wellbeing of ourselves and future generations. They ask us as organisations and as individuals to write to Senator Murphy, Dr. Cass, our local member and heads of all political parties, asking for conscience voting, supporting their submission.

Next page for their proposed Bill of Rights.



BILL OF RIGHTS

- the right to be free from undesirable poisons;
- the right to be free from unwanted noises;
- the right to reserve and have access to areas for recreational, cultural and scientific uses;
- the right to be free from overcrowding;
- the right to have good soils and waters conserved;
- the right to protect wildlife from being eradicated
- and - the right as individuals to live a healthy life.

If the Quinkan Appeal is successful they will extend this area to 1,000 sq. miles as well as buy rainforest and other areas to be preserved in the national interest.

SPECIAL NOTE

\$\$\$\$\$ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE\$\$\$\$\$

Juniors (under 16 yrs)	\$1.50
Adult	\$3.00
Family or Group	\$4.00

Send to The Treasurer, G.P.O. Box 68A, Hobart, 7001
or bring to the Annual Meeting.

We hope to see as many members as possible at this meeting --- it is, for a Club, the most important meeting for the year.....

Come and hear the Report and Balance Sheet, and find out who will fill the various offices for 1974.

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Any suggestions for the running of the Club, or for Outings, or Outing Leaders, or for subjects for evening meetings, or projects suitable for Club Members, will be enthusiastically received by the Committee.

EASTER CAMP 1974 ----- MARIA ISLAND-----

Intending Campers please let Mr. Van Munster know

- (a) If they intend to go by plane.
- (b) If they intend to go by boat from Triabunna.
- (c) For those going to Triabunna by car
 - (i) if they have any spare seats.
 - (ii) If they need transport.
- (d) To minimise amount of luggage on plane it would be advisable to send heavy gear, such as tinned food, li-lo, etc by freight (~~Gordon~~ (Gordon Cassell) to Triabunna, addressed to the owner care of the Ranger, Darlington, Maria Island.

Notes - Intending passengers should be prepared to board the boat during the morning, as conditions are more suitable then. The same applies to those going by plane - the morning is the best time.

We have the use of a five-roomed house so there should not be any need to pack your tent if you would prefer to sleep indoors.

No food is available on the Island - and it would be a good idea to take an extra day's rations just in case the weather turns nasty and we get marooned!

Remember the Scout and Guide Motto
"Be Prepared"

Animal Tracks:- Peterborough Field Nats, in their paper "The Orchid" have a page of tracks - of fieldmouse, rabbit, skunk, fox, squirrel, muskrat, white tailed deer, bear, bobcat, raccoon, beaver, porcupine. Look for this on the table at our meeting.

Animal tracks in snow, mud, or sand provide us with information about abundance, range, habits and identity - toes, hooves, nails, claws and tails are the principal markers. Marks are grouped by method of travel, some hop or jump, or walk with feet-in-line, some walk on their toes, others on their heels. - Look for tracks - it adds to the interest on the trip and is fun for all the family... What have we in Tasmania?????????????????

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